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SUBJ: GOI VIEWS ON OIL PRICES

1. FORMER AMBASSADOR TO SUADI ARABIA JIM AKINS HAS BEEN VISITING HERE AT GOI INVITATION. IN CONVERSATION WITH PRIME MINISTER AMOUZEGAR HE WAS TOLD THAT IRAN THINKS PRICE OF OIL MIGHT BE HELD AT CURRENT LEVELS TO MID-1978 OR EVEN POSSIBLY TO THE END OF 1978. AMOUZEGAR SAID THAT HE UNDERSTOOD THIS WAS GOIN TO BE SAUDI ARABI'S POSITION AT THE OPEC MEETING IN CARACAS IN DECEMBER AND "IRAN WAS NO GOIN TO FIGHT SAUDI ARABI". NEVERTHELESS, AMOUZEGAR WENT ON TO COMPLAIN BITTERLY ABOUT CONTINUED ESCALATION IN PRICES OF GOODS IRAN IMPORTS FROM THE WEST CLAIMING THAT COST OF CIVILIAN GOODS AHS INCREASED BETWEEN 20PERCENT AND 40PERCENT AND COST OF MILITARY EQUIPMENT HAS "GONE OUT OF SIGH". AMOUZEGAR SPECULATED THAT BY 1979 MARKET FORCES WOULD COMPEL A DRAMATIC INCREASE IN OIL PRICES AND THAT THE QUESTION WOULD BE OUT OF OPEC HANDS. HE MUSED INCONCLUSIVELY ABOUT WHAT EFFECT THIS WOULD HAVE ON WORLD
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ECONOMY AND WHETHER THE WEST HAD THOUGHT THROUGH THE IMPLICATIONS OF THIS PROBABLE DEVELOPMENT.
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